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Levin, Stabenow Announce \$200,000 To the Detroit Medical Center for Homeland Security

WASHINGTON – Senators Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., announced today that the Detroit Medical Center will receive a \$200,000 homeland security grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The grants are intended to help local communities prepare for, prevent, and respond to crime, natural disasters, and terrorism.

“If terrorism were ever to strike Detroit, having a network of volunteers from the community who are ready to respond to public health crisis could make the difference of many lives,” said Levin. “A smart way to protect ourselves is to be prepared on the local level. I am pleased to see that the Detroit Medical Center is taking the appropriate steps to improve the readiness of its community.”

"Involving local residents in public safety efforts is one surefire way to help protect our communities. This important funding will get thousands of Detroiters involved in preparing for emergencies and keeping their neighborhoods safe. This program is a shining example of communities coming together in the wake of the September 11 attacks," said Stabenow.

The Detroit Medical Center will fund a special volunteer project as part of its Southeast Michigan Weapons of Mass Destruction Bio-terrorism and Disaster Preparedness Consortium. The proposed special volunteer project aims at training 6,000 volunteers who would be able to assist in response efforts in the event of a public health emergency. The program also hopes to better track volunteer expertise, expand the community-wide immunization program, and continue to stage citywide disaster preparedness trials with the volunteers.

The Corporation for National and Community Service will be awarding a total of \$10.3 million in grants to 43 non-profit and public agencies in 26 states and the District of Columbia. The funds will support 356 AmeriCorps members and 37,000 volunteers in an effort to meet homeland security needs. In addition to the Special Volunteer Programs, the grants can also be used for AmeriCorps and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.